

City of West Lafayette, Indiana  
Board of Public Works and Safety  
MINUTES

APRIL 28, 2015  
8:30 a.m.  
Morton Community Center  
Multi-Purpose Room

Members present were Sana G. Booker, Brooke E. Folkers, Tanuja R. Sheth, and Jonathan C. Speaker. Mayor Dennis presided.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. April 21, 2015, Meeting

Ms. Booker moved to accept the minutes of the April 21, 2015, Board of Works meeting. Ms. Sheth seconded the motion

The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Elevations: Firefighter Second Class – Michael Alt, Caleb Church, and Curtis Shidler – Fire

Fire Chief Heath requested approval to elevate Michael Alt, Caleb Church, and Curtis Shidler from Probationary Firefighters to Second Class Firefighters with a bi-weekly salary of \$2,138.61, effective date of April 29, 2015. He noted that all three firefighters have exceeded the requirements for the first year.

Mr. Speaker moved that the elevations of Michael Alt, Caleb Church, and Curtis Shidler be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

b. Hire: Intern – Crystal Cory – Development

Director of Development Poole requested approval to hire Crystal Cory as an intern effective May 11, 2015, at a rate of \$10.00 per hour. He stated that one of her tasks will be to work on the rental vacancy survey with the Area Plan Commission, and she will also be working with the Public Arts Team.

Ms. Folkers moved that the hire of Crystal Cory be approved. Ms. Sheth seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

c. Agreement: 2015 CDBG Project – Dixon Construction – Engineering

Public Works Director Buck requested that the Board table this item and the next item. He stated that there are two additional contract provisions that the Redevelopment Commission (RDC) attorney has asked be included. The agreements will be amended and resubmitted for next week's meeting. He stated that it will not hurt the schedule on either project. He stated that the CDBG project will not be called that anymore, and it will be fully funded by the RDC. The Board will be approving this on behalf of the RDC

and it will then be ratified at the May RDC meeting. He stated that the Street Resurfacing contract is funded by funds under the Board's purview as well as the RDC's.

Mr. Speaker moved to table the 2015 CDBG Project agreement. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

d. Agreement: 2015 Street Resurfacing – Rieth-Riley Construction Co. Inc. – Engineering

Mr. Speaker moved to table the 2015 Street Resurfacing agreement. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

e. Claims

- i. AP Docket        \$704,777.08

Mr. Speaker moved that the claims be approved. Ms. Folkers seconded the motion.

There were no questions or comments about the claims.

The motion was adopted.

f. Informational Items

- i. Project Payment List – WWTU

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

- ii. Legal Budget & Expenses – Clerk-Treasurer

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

- iii. Park Board Dockets

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

g. Other Items

► Director Buck reported on road projects. He reported that Happy Hollow Road closed yesterday at the culvert just south of Catherwood Drive. He reported that the water company is scheduled to wrap up relocations this week. If that is still on schedule it will allow Milestone to speed up the construction on the storm sewers and move on to road paving. He reported that work on Northwestern Avenue is scheduled to start on May 18.

► Parks Superintendent Fawley thanked the Fire and Police Departments for their help with Arbor Day last Friday, and thanked the Street Department for the use of a boom truck to install the new shade sail.

► Deputy Police Chief Leroux reported that the Grand Prix weekend had some of the largest lines and crowds that he has seen in 28 years. He reported that the Department only arrested three people, and the students were very well behaved. He stated that it was more like managing an event, which is the philosophy we are going to. He stated that the Indiana State Excise Police was present and made 6 arrests, whereas they had approximately 100 arrests in Bloomington. He stated it that it has been a different atmosphere for the last six or eight years for this type of event weekend. He thanked the Street Department for taking care of the barricades, and the Fire Department for being present all weekend.

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Mayor Dennis commended the Police Department. He stated that this philosophical change we have had is productive, and we have turned it from a body-count enforcement event to an event that we manage. He stated that we are well aware of the fact of what happens to people between the ages of 18 and 26. A lot of experimentation goes on and their lives should not be ruined just because they are acting typical for their age group. He stated that he knows it has been a challenge for Deputy Chief Leroux and Chief Dombkowski to get the guys to realize that they should manage and not harm. Mayor Dennis agreed with Deputy Chief Leroux that it was a good weekend.

► Mayor Dennis reported that the next Board of Works meeting is on Wednesday, May 6, due to Primary Election Day on May 5.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Speaker moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting.